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For: CREATING VIRTUAL PRIVATE  
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN END  
POINTS ACROSS A SAN

Examiner: T. E. Volper

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

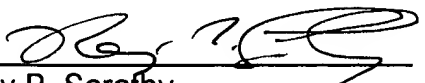
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed October 7, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-9 and 11-27. Although the Applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the Applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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